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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 10 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

9 a.m. 44th PLENARY MEETING* General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fernando Henrique Cardoso, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa
4. Address by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Vicente Fox, President of the United Mexican States
6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jorge Batlle Ibáñez, President of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fernando de la Rúa, President of the Argentine Republic
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hugo Chávez Frías, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ricardo Lagos, President of the Republic of Chile
10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Sayed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran
11. Opening of the general debate [9]:

    Address by His Excellency Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of the Republic of India

    Address by His Excellency Mr. Lee Han-dong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea

    Belgium

    Ukraine

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* The Secretary-General will make a statement at the outset of the 44th plenary meeting.

3 p.m. **45th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

1. **Address by His Excellency General Pervez Musharraf, President and Chief Executive of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan**

2. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Andrés Pastrana Arango, President of the Republic of Colombia**

3. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Alejandro Toledo Manrique, President of the Republic of Peru**

4. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Milan Kucan, President of the Republic of Slovenia**

5. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Jorge Quiroga Ramírez, President of the Republic of Bolivia**

6. **Address by His Excellency Dr. Frederick Chiluba, President of the Republic of Zambia**

7. **Address by His Excellency Mr. Ion Iliescu, President of Romania**

8. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Percival James Patterson, MP, Prime Minister and Minister for Defence of Jamaica

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Alhaji Aliu Mahama, Vice-President of the Republic of Ghana

   France

   Andorra

   Canada

   Zimbabwe

   Honduras

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

Live and archived Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly will be available on the General Assembly Web site (http://www.un.org/webcast/ga/56).

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to dpi@un.int for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Sunday, 11 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

9 a.m. 46th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Stjepan Mesic, President of the Republic of Croatia
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Luis Ángel González Macchi, President of the Republic of Paraguay
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda
5. Address by His Excellency Général-Major Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
6. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Anerood Jugnauth, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Zlatko Lagumdzija, Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina

   China

   United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

   Finland

   Italy

   Saudi Arabia

   Spain

   Palestine, address by His Excellency Mr. Yasser Arafat

3 p.m. 47th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alfonso Portillo Cabrera, President of the Republic of Guatemala
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Didier Ratsiraka, President of the Republic of Madagascar
3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency The Honourable Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Independent State of Samoa

   Address by His Excellency Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Acting Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait

   Address by His Serene Highness Crown Prince Albert, Crown Prince of the Principality of Monaco

   Japan

   Norway

   Mauritania

Portugal

Ecuador

Algeria

Cambodia

Oman

Côte d'Ivoire

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) will be held on Tuesday, 13 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Friday, 16 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B, and on Monday, 19 November, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its eighteenth meeting on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 3 p.m., to begin consideration of agenda item 90 (Questions relating to information).

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 90, as well as in discussions on the other remaining item, item 89 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects), are kindly urged to inscribe their names as soon as possible on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 119 (Human rights questions), as follows:

On Monday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Special event

The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will be launched by the Secretary-General on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council will be present. This event will be webcasted live on www.unicttaskforce.org.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Interim Task Force Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-5796).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

CONFERENCE ON FACILITATING THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR-TEST-BAN TREATY

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.2) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Anita Ng (tel.: (212) 963-5976; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892).

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892).

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general exchange of views, in one of the official languages of the Conference, to dpi@un.int for posting on the Conference Web site.

Archived Webcast of the proceeding of the Conference will be available (starting on Monday, 26 November) on the Conference Web site on the Internet.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

The Ministerial Meeting of the Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution will be held on Sunday, 11 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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There will be a meeting of the Islamic Group on Monday, 12 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda item 95 (c) (Science and technology for development))* on Monday, 12 November 2001, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. the Economic and Social Council.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda item 96 (b) (Industrial development cooperation))* on Monday, 12 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on agenda item 117 (Racism and racial discrimination))* on Monday, 12 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Ministerial Declaration)* on Monday, 12 November 2001, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council.

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There will be a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the State Members of the League of Arab States on Tuesday, 13 November 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of delegation of the Non-Aligned Movement will take place on Wednesday, 14 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Verifying the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT): Capabilities, Progress and Challenges", organized by the delegations of Australia, Canada and Sweden, in cooperation with the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC), on Monday, 12 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Welcoming remarks will be made by Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, followed by opening statements by representatives of Australia, Canada and Sweden. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 9 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4409th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/34).

4410th meeting

The situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Minister for External Relations of Angola, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Burundi, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Information and Broadcasting of Namibia, the Special Envoy of the President of Rwanda, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uganda, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Zambia, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Zimbabwe at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Amadou Kébé, Permanent Observer of the Organization of African Unity/African Union, and Mr. Archibald M. Mogwe, Representative of the Facilitator for the Inter-Congolese Dialogue, and to Mr, A. Namanga Ngongi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Democratic Republic of the Congo.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. O. Kamitatu, Representative for the Movement for the Liberation of the Congo (MLC), and Mr. Pashi-Claver, Representative for the Congolese Rally for Democracy-Kisangani (RCD-K), and to Mr. Azaria Ruberwa, Secretary-General for the Congolese Rally for Democracy-Goma (RCD-Goma).

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

A statement was made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola and current Chairman of the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement.

The President made a statement.

4411th (private) meeting

The situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Security Council met in private. The following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4411th meeting, held in private on 9 November 2001 at 12.15 p.m., the Security Council continued its consideration of the situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"The President extended invitations in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rules 37 and 39 of its provisional rules of procedure, as appropriate, to the members of the Political Committee of the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement, Burundi and Zambia, as well as the Permanent Observer to the Organisation of African Unity/African Union, and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"The members of the Council and the members of the Political Committee of the Lusaka Ceasefire Agreement had a frank and constructive discussion."

4412th meeting

The situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Belgium, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2001/1058, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The representative of Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – as well as the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, which aligned themselves with the statement) made a statement.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2001/1058) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1058) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1376 (2001).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

42nd plenary meeting

United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations [25]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/523)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.3)

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Sayed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran; H.E. Mr. Wolfgang Schüssel, Federal Chancellor of Austria; H.E. Mr. Zlatko Lagumdzija, Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina; H.E. Mr. Louis Michel, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey); H.E. Mrs. Lila Ratsifandriamanana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar; H.E. Mr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan; and H.E. Mr. Roberto Rojas López, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica.

43rd plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: third report of the General Committee (A/56/250/Add.2) [8]

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to allocate agenda item 169 (Administration of justice at the United Nations) to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that any decision requiring amending the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal or relating to the establishing of a higher-level jurisdiction would be subject to the advice of the Sixth Committee.

The General Assembly decided, with regard to item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council), on the recommendation of the General Committee, to consider directly in plenary meeting the report of the Economic and Social Council as a whole, with the understanding that the Second, Third and Fifth Committees would remain seized of the chapters already referred to them for their usual consideration.

United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations [25]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/523)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.3)

Statements were made by the representative of the United Sates; H.E. Mr. Erkki Tuomioja, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland; H.E. Mr. Didier Opertti Badan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uruguay and former President of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Gabriel Orellana Rojas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala; the representative of Tunisia; H.E. Dr. Leonardo Santos Simao, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mozambique; the representatives of Bangladesh, Colombia, Canada, Liechtenstein, the United Arab Emirates, Nepal, the Czech Republic, Iraq, Venezuela, Malaysia and the Philippines; H.E. The Honourable Lakshman Kadirgamar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka; and the representative of Cuba.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 40th plenary meeting, on 8 November 2001, statements were made by the observers of the Holy See and Switzerland.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978 and decision 54/453 of 18 December 1998, the observer for the International Organization for la Francophonie made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.3 (resolution 56/6).

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 25.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 17th meeting

The Secretary of the Committee announced editorial corrections to the French text of draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.7, as well as to the Arabic text of draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.18. The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [87] *(A/C.4/56/L.7 to L.13)*

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.7.

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.8.

The representative of Indonesia introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/56/L.9 to L.13.

The Chairman announced that Oman had become a sponsor of draft resolutions A/C.4/56/L.9 to L.13

Draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.7

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.7 by a recorded vote of 116 to 1, with 2 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.8

The Chairman announced that Turkey had become a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.8 without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.9

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.9 by a recorded vote of 117 to 2, with no abstention.

Draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.10

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.10 by a recorded vote of 119 to none, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.11

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.11, by a recorded vote of 117 to 2, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.12

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.12 by a recorded vote of 118 to 2, with no abstention.

Draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.13

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.13 by a recorded vote of 118 to 2, with no abstention.

The representative of Australia made a statement in explanation of vote.

Subsequently, the delegation of Yemen informed the Committee that had their delegation been present, it would have voted in favour of draft resolutions A/C.4/56/L.7 and L.9. The delegations of Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal also informed the Committee that had their delegations been present, they would have voted in favour of draft resolutions A/C.4/6/L.7 to L.13.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 87.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [88]

The representative of Uruguay made a statement.

Draft resolutions A/C.4/56/L.14 to L.18

The representative of Cuba introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/56/L.14, L.15, L.16, L.17* and L.18.

The Chairman announced that Bahrain and Oman had become co-sponsors of draft resolutions A/C.4/56/L.14 to L.17. He also announced that Cuba had become a co-sponsor of draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.18

Draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.14

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.14 by a recorded vote of 73 to 2, with 47 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.15

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.15 by a recorded vote of 121 to 2, with no abstention.

Draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.16

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.16 by a recorded vote of 119 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

*Draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.17**

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.17* by a recorded vote of 117 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.18

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.18, by a recorded vote of 120 to 1, with 1 abstention.

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Norway.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Subsequently, the delegation of Senegal informed the Committee that had their delegation been present, they would have voted in favour of draft resolutions A/C.4/56/L.14 to L.18.

Organization of work

The Chairman outlined a proposal to resolve the status of the composition of the Bureau.

Statements in favour of the proposal were made by the representatives of Mexico and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Chairman also reminded the Committee that the two remaining items on the Committee's agenda would be considered during the period 19 to 21 November (items 90 (Questions relating to information) and 89 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects)). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE 26th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [98]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.20

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Additional sponsors

The representative of the Russian Federation announced that his country had joined in sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.3.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 96 (b) (Industrial development cooperation) was Tuesday, 13 November, at 6 p.m.

At the request of the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Committee agreed to extend the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 96 (a) (Business and development) to Tuesday, 13 November, at 6 p.m.

The representative of Belgium made a statement on behalf of the European Union.

Organizational matters

Following statements by the representatives of the United States, Egypt, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Nigeria, Argentina, Indonesia, Portugal, Djibouti, Mexico, Ethiopia and Ecuador and statements by the Chairman and the Secretary in response to questions raised, the Committee agreed to limit the number of informal/informal consultations for the week of 12 to 16 November to those already scheduled, on the understanding that any interested delegations who would be unable to participate would have the right to make their position known on issues discussed in those meetings at a later date.

THIRD COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq, in which the representatives of Iraq, the United States, Kuwait, the Russian Federation, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Cuba took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, in which the representatives of Myanmar, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Australia and the United States took part.

The Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, in which the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Yugoslavia, the Russian Federation and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) took part.

36th meeting

Right of peoples to self-determination [118]

The committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.33

The representative of Egypt introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Chile and Guinea, the draft resolution. Subsequently, China, the Congo, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

An introductory statement was made by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi in which the representatives of Burundi, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and the United Republic of Tanzania took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the freedom of religion or belief made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the freedom of religion or belief in which the representatives of Tunisia, Belgium *(on behalf of the* European Union), Spain, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Senegal and Viet Nam took part.

The Special Rapporteur on the right to food made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the right to food in which the representatives of the Sudan, Republic of Korea, the United States, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Benin, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic took part.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 27th meeting

United Nations common system [127] *(A/56/30 and A/56/485)*

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, China, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Dominican Republic.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

Organization of work

The representative of the Islamic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162]

Statements were made by the representatives of Poland, Turkey and India.

The Vice-Chairman of the International Law Commission made a concluding statement.

The Chairman spoke.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 162.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161]

The representative of Austria made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.8.

The Chairman introduced draft resolutions A/C.6/56/L.10 to L.12.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [159]

The representative of Ghana made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.13.

The representative of Cyprus made a statement.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [163]

The Chairman of the Committee on Relation with the Host Country introduced the report of the Committee (A/56/26).

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and the Russian Federation.

The representative of Cyprus introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.15.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165]

The representatives of the United Kingdom and Portugal orally proposed amendments to draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.14.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Iraq and Cuba.

The representative of Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement in explanation of position before adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.14, as orally amended, without a vote.

The Committee also adopted the draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.6/Rev.1 without a vote.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 165.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Algeria (16 October 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Ratification: Algeria (8 November 2001)*

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM (UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS) (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from *today*, 10 November, to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations were also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 9 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

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